

OGC REVIEW COMPLETED

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Request of Washington Lawyer (Mr. Panzer) For
OSS Documents in Connection With Foreign Claims
Settlement Act

I advised Mr. Panzer that we would prefer that he address any requests to the Department of State, which is responsible for protecting interests of citizens abroad. If State then contacts us we will turn over to them what we have. We felt this would be better for two reasons, namely, that this would permit the Government to consolidate its records and its position and also, if it should develop that it becomes necessary to allow the documents to be introduced into evidence we would prefer as much disassociation of the documents from CIA as is possible. Mr. Panzer understood and was perfectly agreeable. He asked, and I agreed that in requesting from the Department of State any documents they might have or get from us he could mention my name and indicate that we have some documents.

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